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SUBJECT: VOA BULGARIAN BROADCASTS

REF: A) STATE 188608; B) SOFIA 1506; C) SOFIA 1527

1. APPRECIATE DETAILED ANALYSIS AND JUSTIFICATION OF VOA BULGARIAN BROADCASTS. WE ARE CONVINCED THE BULGARIANS KNOW FULL WELL THAT VOA BULGARIAN BROADCASTS ARE NOT OFFENSIVE. WHEN BULGARIANS CLAIM THIS AS JUSTIFICATION FOR JAMMING VOA THEY ARE PURPOSELY LUMPING VOA TOGETHER WITH RFE, SOME OF WHOSE BROADCASTS MIGHT INDEED BE FOUND "SPITEFUL AND TENDENTIOUS" BY THE BULGARIAN LEADERSHIP.

2. WE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, SEEK THE CESSATION OF JAMMING ON THE BASIS OF THE MERTITS OR INNOCENCE OF VOA BUT BECAUSE JAMMING OF OUR OFFICIAL BROADCASTS IS WRONG AND GOB'S INSISTENCE ON CONTINUING THIS PRACTICE AFTER THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EE COUNTRIES HAVE STOPPED IS ANACHRONISTIC IN A PERIOD WHOSE WATCHWORD IS "DETENTE". AS WASHINGTON WILL HAVE NOTED FROM REF B, I TOOK POSITION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER THAT CONTINUED JAMMING OUR OFFICIAL BROADCASTS IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO BULGARIA, NOT THE U.S.

3. AS WE WILL POINT OUT SEPARATELY IN MESSAGE PROMISED IN LAST PARA REF C, WE DO NOT THINK THE USG SHOULD ALLOW BULGARIAN JAMMING OF OUR VOA BROADCAST TO BECOME A MATTER FOR BARGAINING BETWEEN US AND THE BULGARIANS. THAT WOULD TURN THEIR OUTLANDISH BEHAVIOR INFO A NEGOTIATING ASSET. A SLIGHT NOTE OF RIDICULE ON  
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THIS SUBJECT DURING WASHINGTON DISCUSSION WITH POPOV AND COMPANY

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